

Evaluation of eLearning for effective practice

Topics and Timetable for 2010

Weeks	Class sessions	Topics
1. (1 wk) 26 July to 1 August <i>Introduction to the subject</i>	Web conferences: 26 July – 16:00 – 17:00 28 July - 18:30 – 19:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend one of the web conferences to meet the class. Create an account on WikiEducator. Introduce yourself to the class on the wiki. Familiarise yourself with the assessments. Look at the tasters – cases of evaluation. Set up a blog.
2 & 3 (2 wks) 2 to 15 August <i>What is evaluation?</i> <i>Why evaluate?</i> <i>Examples of evaluation projects</i>	Web conference: 11 August - 18:30 – 19:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General discussion about evaluation in eLearning – what it is and why it is important. Evaluate this! The class engages in a mini evaluation. Exploration of exemplars from previous classes – evaluation plans and reports – the big picture view of the subject.
4. (1 wk) 16 to 22 August <i>Methods of evaluation</i>	Discussion on email forum – different types of evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore different types of evaluation. Formative and summative methods. Decide on the product, or course or programme to be evaluated. Use the <i>Evaluation Cookbook</i> to decide on some recipes for your project.
5 – 8 (4 wks) 23 August to 19 September <i>Planning evaluation</i>	Web conferences: 25 August - 18:30 – 19:30 8 September - 18:30 – 19:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the eLearning Guidelines. Design your evaluation project in negotiation with the lecturer – aim, big picture questions, sampling tools, collecting the data. Write up the plan – use the template on your project wiki page. Post the plan to your blog and invite feedback.
9 - (1 wk) 20 to 26 September <i>Quality in eLearning</i>	Web conference: 22 September - 18:30 – 19:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore quality benchmarks for eLearning. Define quality in your context. Arrange participants for the evaluation.

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Break 27 September to 10 October		
10 - 12 (3wks) 11 to 31 October <i>Conducting evaluation</i>	Web conference: 20 October - 18:30 – 19:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect data for the evaluation. • Analyse the data. • Start writing up the findings, preparing Tables and Graphs. • Obtain feedback from the lecturer on the findings.
13 - 16 (4 wks) 1 st to 28 November <i>Evaluation reporting</i>	Web conferences: 3 November - 18:30 – 19:30 17 November - 18:30 – 19:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise Results. • Prepare: Discussion of findings; Conclusions; Recommendations. • Put the report together and add in material from the plan – as per template.
17. (1 wk) 29 November to 3 December <i>Presenting your evaluation</i>	Web conference: 1 December - 18:30 – 19:30 OR other time negotiated with the class.	Present a summary of your project to the class – either at the web conference or on your blog or both.
6 to 10 December <i>Final week for completing assessments</i>		Finish the report and submit final version.